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SUBJECT: 1978 "CONSULAR PACKAGE REQUEST"

REF: STATE 0166438

FOLLOWING IS CONSULAR PACKAGE REPORTS REQUESTED IN REFTEL:

SCHEDULE I IMMIGRANT VISAS

NEA/ARP

SAUDI ARABIA/DHAHRAN

FY1977	FY1978	FY1979	FY1980
ACTUAL	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATE	ESTIMATE
10/1/76 TO 10/1/77	10/1/78	10/1/79	
9/30/77	9/30/78	9/30/79	9/30/80

1. IV'S ISSUED	162	190	250	425
2. IV'S REFUSED	21	30	45	65
3. TOTAL IV CASES	183	220	295	490

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MAN-HOURS UTILIZED

AMERICAN OFFICERS:

4. FULL TIME PERMANENT	725	800	950	1100
5. TEMPORARY DETAIL	0	0	0	0

6. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED) 50 100 155 250

7. SUB-TOTAL 775 900 1125 1350

LOCAL:

8. FULL TIME PERMANENT 1550 1880 2200 2600

9. TEMPORARY DETAIL 0 0 0 0

10. PIT 0 0 0 0

11. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL

MAN-HOURS 1550 1880 2200 2600

12. TOTAL IV MAN-HOURS 2325 2700 3225 3950

PERCENT OF TOTAL IV CASES REQUIRING:

13. USE OF INTERPRETER: 55 PERCENT

14. THIR COUNTRY CHECK: 100 PERCENT

A. IMMIGRANT VISA ISSUANCE AT POST CONTINUED TO PRESENT A TIME-CONSUMING PROBLEM IN THE OVERALL OPERATION OF THE SECTION. A UNCLASSIFIED

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LARGE PERCENTAGE OF APPLICANTS AT POST ARE YEMENI NATIONALS

AND AN INTERPRETER IS REQUIRED FOR NEARLY ALL SUCH APPLICANTS. THE ATTENDANT PROBLEMS OF WIDE-SPREAD FRAUD AND THE ABSENCE OF RELIABLE DOCUMENTS AS EVIDENCE OF CLAIMED RELATIONSHIPS NECESSITATES A LENGTHY AND COMPLEX INTERVIEW PROCEDURE FOR EACH BENEFICIARY. POST HAS EXPERIENCED A SLIGHT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SUCH APPLICANTS DURING FY 1977; THIS INCREASE APPARENTLY STEMS FROM THE GREATER SOPHISTICATION AND EFFECTIVENESS OF FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS BEING CONDUCTED BY THE EMBASSY IN SANAA AND THE EVER GROWING NUMBER OF YEMENI EXPATRIATES IN THE POST'S CONSULAR DISTRICT.

B. AS THE BULK OF THE REMAINDER OF THE POST'S IV ISSUANCE IS IN THE IMMEDIATE RELATIVE VISA CATEGORIES, SECTION IF OFTEN PUT UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FOR EXPEDITIOUS ISSUANCE BY AMCIT PETITIONERS. BECAUSE SUCH "SPECIAL" TREATMENT MAKES MAINTENANCE OF STRICTLY ADHERED TO PROCEDURES AND SCHEDULING NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE, SUCH VISAS OFTEN CONSUME MORE MAN-HOURS THAN ORDINARILY WOULD BE EXPECTED. THIS ASPECT OF IMMIGRANT ISSUANCE IS ALSO COMPLICATED BY THE LARGE NUMBER OF ALIEN

SPOUSES OF AMERICAN EXPATRIATES HERE, INCLUDING A
SIZABLE NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHOSE IMMIGRATION
AND NATIONALITY STATUS OFTEN CREATE PROBLEMS WITH
U.S. AND WITH LOCAL PASSPORT AND IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS.

C. POST DOES NOT FORESEE DRAMATIC INCREASE IN IV
ISSUANCE, AS IMPACT OF PL-94-571 AND THE NEW LABOR
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS HAS HAD A DAMPENING EFFECT
ON VISA DEMAND IN NMHE 3RD AND 6TH PREFERENCE
CATEGORIES. POST HAS CONTINUED TO NOTE A STEADY RISE IN

RELATIVE PREFERENCE PETITIONS FILED ON BEHALF OF
TCN EXPATRIATE WORKERS HERE.

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SCHEDULE II NON IMMIGRANT VISAS

NEA/ARP

SAUDI ARABIA/DHAHRAN

FY1977 FY1978 FY1979 FY1980

ACTUAL ESTIMATE ESTIMATE ESTIMATE

15. NIV'S ISSUED 6173 7500 9300 11000

16. NIV'S REFUSED 075 125 200 275

17. TOTAL NIV CASES 6248 7625 9500 11275

MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:

AMERICAN OFFICERS:

18. FULL-TIME PERMANENT 1200 1350 1575 1800

19. EMPORARY DETAIL 0 0 0 0

20. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED) 0 0 0 0

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21. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN

MAN-HOURS 1200 1350 1575 1800

LOCAL

22. FULL TIME PERMANENT 1500 2000 2700 3500

23. EMPORARY DETAIL 0 0 0 0

24. PIT 0 0 0 0

25. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL

MAN-HOURS 1500 2000 2700 2500

26. TOTAL NIV MAN-HOURS 2700 3350 4275 5100

27. NIV FEES COLLECTED - FY1977 \$16,389.33

28. BORDER CROSSING CARDS - 0

29. CREW LIST VISAS FY1977 - 42

30. NAMES ON CREW LIST VISAS - 1184

FY-1977

PERCENT OF TOTAL NIV CASES REQUIRING:

31. INTERVIEW - 30 PERCENT

32. USE OF INTERPRETER - 20 PERCENT

33. THIRD COUNTRY CHECK - 10 PERCENT

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A. ALTHOUGH FRAUD AMONG THE APPROXIMATELY 75 PERCENT OF NIV

APPLICANTS WHO ARE SAUDI NATIONALS REMAINS VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT, SUCH ISSUANCE POSES SPECIAL PROBLEMS BECAUSE OF THE RAPIDITY OF ITS GROWTH. ISSUANCE IN FY-1977 WAS NEARLY 1,000 MORE THAN ESTIMATED IN 1977 CONSULAR PACKAGE. BECAUSE OF THE EVER GROWING NUMBER OF SAUDI TRAINEES AND STUDENTS BEING SENT TO THE U.S. BY THEIR GOVERNMENT AND LARGER COMPANIES HERE, POST FORESEES EVEN MORE DRAMATIC INCREASES IN ISSUANCE FOR FY-1978 AND BEYOND.

B. BECAUSE OF RECENT POLICY CHANGES IN VISA ISSUANCE TO SAUDI NATIONALS, MANY MAN-HOURS ARE CONSUMED IN DEALING WITH CONFUSED APPLICANTS AND IN ASCERTAINING THE PURPOSE OF TRAVEL TO THE U.S. BY MANY OF YOUR APPLICANTS. WHILE FRAUD FOR THE PURPOSE OF CIRCUMVENTING IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS IS UNKNOWN AMONG MOST APPLICANTS, FOR THE SAKE OF CONVENIENCE MANY APPLICANTS DELIBERATELY CLOUD THE PURPOSE OF THEIR TRAVEL TO THE U.S. THIS FACT HAS NECESSITATED A GREATER EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN OFFICER MAN-HOURS TO MORE CLOSELY MONITOR WHAT HAS HERETOFORE BEEN CONSIDERED ROUTING ISSUANCE.

C. POST CONTINUED TO EXPERIENCE A STEADY INCREASE IN APPLICATIONS BY 3RD COUNTRY NATIONALS, INCLUDING A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF APPLICATIONS BY NATIONALS FROM COUNTRIES WELL-KNOWN FOR THEIR HIGH INCIDENCE OF NIV FRAUD. AS THE NUMBER OF LABORERS FROM SOUTH AND EAST ASIAN COUNTRIES CONTINUES TO EXPAND, MANY MORE MAN-HOURS WILL BE CONSUMED IN INTERVIEWING SUCH APPLICANTS. POST HAS ALSO EXPERIENCED AN INCREASE OF APPLICANTS FROM LEBANON AND THE TROUBLED HORN OF AFRICA WITH CONDITIONS IN THEIR COUNTRIES

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MAKING ACTION ON SUCH APPLICATIONS PROBLEMATIC.

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3. SCHEDULE III - SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES

NEA/ARP

SAUDI ARABIA/DHAHRAN

FY1977 FY1978 FY1979 FY1980

ACTUAL ESTIMATE ESTIMATE ESTIMATE

34. AMERICAN CITIZEN

	FY1977	FY1978	FY1979	FY1980
DEATHS	31	45	60	75

35. ESTATE:PROPERTY

	FY1977	FY1978	FY1979	FY1980
CLAIMS	6	12	20	30

	FY1977	FY1978	FY1979	FY1980
36. NOTARIALS	14,125	15,300	18,500	21,000

37. WELFARE &

	FY1977	FY1978	FY1979	FY1980
WHEREABOUTS	190	230	300	412

	FY1977	FY1978	FY1979	FY1980
38. ARRESTS	20	35	45	60

	FY1977	FY1978	FY1979	FY1980
39. SEAMEN AND SHIPPING	15	20	25	30

40. OTHER AGENCY

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	FY1977	FY1978	FY1979	FY1980
SERVICES	85	110	160	230

	FY1977	FY1978	FY1979	FY1980
41. TOTAL SCS CASES	14,478	15,752	19,110	21,837

MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:

AMERICAN OFFICERS:

	FY1977	FY1978	FY1979	FY1980
42. FULL TIME PERMANENT	1,750	2,150	2,400	2,500

	FY1977	FY1978	FY1979	FY1980
43. TEMPORARY DETAIL	0	0	0	0

44. PIT (L NALLY HIRED) 150.7 200 250 300

45. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN

MAN-HOURS 1,900 2,350 2,650 2,800

LOCAL:

46. FULL TIME PERMANENT 2,000 2,500 2,800 3,200

47. EMPORARY DETAIL 50 200 '3 200 400

48. PIT N 0 0 0 0

49. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL

MAN-HOURS 2,100 2,700 3,100 3,500

50. TOTAL SCS NLN-HOURS KDZTP 4350 5,500 6,000

51. TREASURY CHECKS FY-1977 - 1150

A. SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES IN A CONSULAR DISTRICT WITH
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AN ESTIMATED 16,000 AMERICAN CITIZENS IS A CHALLENGING AND EVER-GROWING COMPONENT OF THE SECTION'S WORKLOAD. DESPITE RECENT ADVERSE CHANGES IN THE TAX STATUS OF AMERICANS ABROAD, THE NUMBER OF EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEES IN THE CONSULAT DISTRICT IS CONTINUING A RAPID INCREASE. BECAUSE OF THE MAGNITUDE OF DEVELOPMENT PLANS IN THIS AREA, THERE IS EVERY REASON TO EXPECT SUBSTANTIAL YEARLY INCREASES IN THE LOCAL AMERICAN POPULATION. AS THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT PROVIDES VERY FEW OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES MOST AMERICANS ORDINARILY IDENTIFY AS GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES, THE BURDEN OF SATISFYING A WIDE VARIETY OF EXPATRIATE DEMANDS FALLS TO THE CONSULAR SECTION. AS MANY AMERICANS EXPECT PERSONAL ATTENTION TO THEIR PROBLEMS AND OFTEN FEEL DISAPPOINTED IF THEIR CASE IS DIRECTED TO A LOCAL EMPLOYEE, THERE IS A GREAT EXPENDITURE OF AMERICAN OFFICER HOURS IN SCS WORK, INCLUDING MANY HOURS OF NIGHT AND WEEKEND WORK. THIS PROBLEM IS COMPOUNDED BY THE DIFFICULTY EXPERIENCED OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS IN HIRING AND RETAINING TALENTED AND PROFESSIONAL FSL'S FOR THE CONSULAR SECTION.

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B. THE FIGURES GIVEN IN THE 1977 CONSULAR PACKAGE FOR NOTARILS PERFORMED WERE EVIDENTLY IN ERROR. A CAREFUL CHECK OF RECEIPTS FOR FY-1977 SHOWS THAT NOTARIALS HAVE REACHED STAGGERING PROPORTIONS AT POST. BECAUSE THE CONGEN IS THE ONLY PLACE IN THE CONSULAR DISTRICT WHERE NOTARIALS MAY BE PERFORMED IN THE ROMAN ALPHABET, AND COMMERCE WITH THE U.S. IS IN SUCH GREAT VOLUME, DEMAND IS VERY HEAVY AND INCREASING. ALTHOUGH THE SECTION IS PRESENTLY DEVELOPING PLANS TO LIMITE NOTARIALS PERFORMED FOR TCN'S AND SAUDIS, THE FACT THAT THESE SERVICES HAVE BEEN PERFORMED FOR DECADES BY THE CONGEN WILL MAKE RESISTANCE TO SUCH LIMITATIONS TROUGH AND POSSIBLY PRESENT A SERIOUS PUBLIC RELATIONS PROBLEM. AS ARAMCO IS NOW BECOMING AN ARM OF THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT, AUTHENTICATION OF THE SIGNATURES OF COMPANY OFFICERS WILL MAKE UP A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF THE PROJECTED TOTALS.

C. THE PROJECTED INCREASE IN WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS REQUESTS HAS MATERIALIZED AS LOCAL COMMUNICATION FACILITIES PROVE INCREASINGLY INADEQUATE FOR THE VAST NUMBER OF EXPATRIATES IN THE CONSULAR DISTRICT. POST HANDLES LARGE VOLUME OF CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING CHILD AND WIFE SUPPORT AND TELEPHONE INQUIRIES FROM THE U.S. HAVE ALSO RISEN SHARPLY. DUE TO A CHANGE
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IN THE PAST FEW YEARS WHICH HAS SEEN A DOUBLING OF THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN FIRMS OPERATING IN THE AREA (THERE ARE NOW OVER 240 SUCH FIRMS) MANY EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEES WITH THESE SMALLER COMPANIES

NOW COME TO THE KINGDOM UNABCOMPANIED. THIS HAS NOT ONLY RESULTED IN AN INCREASE IN WELFARE AND WHEREABOUTS REQUESTS, BUT ALSO HAS SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS ARRESTED AND INCARCERATED IN THE CONSULAR DISTRICT. BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT SAUDI ARABIA POSSESSES NO WRITTEN BODY OF LAWS, POLICE AND JUDICIAL PROCEDURES ARE CONFUSING AND EXTREMELY TIME CONSUMING. CONSULAR INVOLVEMENT IN ARREST CASES HAS CONTINUED TO MOUNT AS THE QUALITY AND AVAILABILITY OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS WORK BY SMALLER FIRMS DECLINES.

SCHEDULE IV - CITIZEN SHIP AND PASSPORT SERVICES

NEA/A

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SAUDI ARABIA/DHAHRAN

FY1977 FY1978 FY1979 FY1980

52. PPT APPLICATIONS

	FY1977	FY1978	FY1979	FY1980
EXECUTED	1340	1700	2000	2300

53. PPT APPLICATIONS

	FY1977	FY1978	FY1979	FY1980
EXAMINED	1345	1705	2010	2315

	FY1977	FY1978	FY1979	FY1980
54. FEE PASSPORTS ISSUED	1324	1690	1975	2265

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55. NO-FEE PASSPORTS

	FY1977	FY1978	FY1979	FY1980
ISSUED	5	10	15	20

56. PPT'S AMENDED OR

	FY1977	FY1978	FY1979	FY1980
EXTENDED	155	180	210	240

57. NEW REGISTRATION

	FY1977	FY1978	FY1979	FY1980
APPLICATIONS	1350	1850	2350	2850

	FY1977	FY1978	FY1979	FY1980
58. REBORTS OF BIRTH	115	140	165	180

	FY1977	FY1978	FY1979	FY1980
59. WITNESS TO MARRIAGE	2	3	3	4

	FY1977	FY1978	FY1979	FY1980
60. WAIVER OF PPT'S	0	0	0	0

	FY1977	FY1978	FY1979	FY1980
61. SUB-TOTAL PPT CASES	5636	7275	8370	10174

62. IDENTITY CARDS

	FY1977	FY1978	FY1979	FY1980
ISSUED	0	1	2	3

63. TOTAL PPT CASES 5636 7276 8372 10177

MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:

AMERICAN OFFICERS:

64. FULL TIME PERMANENT 450 575 725 900

65. TEMPORARY DETAIL 0 0 0 0

66. PIT (LOCALLY HIRED) 150 175 200 225

67. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN

MAN-HOURS 600 756 925 1125

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LOCAL:

68. FULL-TIME PERMANENT 1500 1800 2200 2800

69. TEMPORARY DETAIL 0 0 0 0

70. PIT 0 0 0 0

71. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL

MNA-HOURS 1500 1800 2200 2800

72. TOTAL PPT MAN-HOURS 2100 2550 3125 3925

73. AMERICANS REGISTERED 4300

1/31/78

AMERICAN CITIZEN RESIDENT:

74. OFFICIAL - 522

75. NON-OFFICIAL - 17,500

A. POST IS CONTINUING TO EXPERIENCE A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE
IN THE DEMAND FOR PASSPORT SERVICES AND EXPECTS THIS DEMAND
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TO INCREASE STEADILY OVER NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. THREE FACTORS
APPEAR LIKELY TO EFFECT DHAHRAN'S PASSPORT LOAD. FIRST,
THE NEW REQUIREMENTS THAT ALL AMCITS OVER 13 MUST HAVE
INDIVIDUAL PASSPORTS. SECOND, THE GROWING NUMBER OF LOST/
STOLEN PASSPORTS. AND THIRD, THE DECISION TO ISSUE
EXTENSION PAGES IN THE NEW STYLE PASSPORTS. THE NEW
REQUIREMENT ON INDIVIDUAL PASSPORTS AND THE SUDDEN GROWTH
OF LOST/STOLEN PASSPORTS IS EXERTING AN UPWARD PRESSURE
ON PASSPORT ISSUANCE, ALTHOUGH THE USE OF EXTENSION
PAGES IN NEW PASSPORTS AND THE ALMOST EXCLUSIVE USE
OF 48 PAGE COMMERCIAL PASSPORTS BY POST HAS PREVENTED
THE GROWTH IN PASSPORT ISSUANCE FROM BECOMING UNREASONABLE.
A SPECIAL CONCERN, HOWEVER, IS THE RAPIDLY GROWING
NUMBER OF LOST/STOLEN PASSPORTS WHICH MAY PRODUCE NEW
DEMANDS ON OFFICE
TIME. PASSPORTS ARE GENERALLY LOST
BY EMPLOYERS, WHO HOLD THE PASSPORTS, WHILE APPLYING
FOR RESIDENT OR EXIT VISAS. THE LOSS OF A PASSPORT
IN SAUDI ARABIA EFFECTIVELY PREVENTS AN AMCIT FROM
LEAVING SAUDI ARABIA UNTIL AN EXIT VISA IS SECURED,
A PROCESS WHICH TAKES DAYS AND AT TIMES WEEKS.

B. POST IS ONLY FOREIGN CONSULATE WITHIN A DISTANCE
OF 1,000 MILES IN A REGION WHERE MOST TRAVELERS MUST
OBTAIN VISAS IN ADVANCE. AMCITS, THUS, FREQUENTLY
REQUEST INFORMATION FROM POST ON FOREIGN LAWS
CONCERNING ENTRY AND DEPARTURE.

5. SCHEDULE V - CONDITIONS AND JUSTIFICATIONS

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FY 1977

HOURS GAINED AMERICAN LOCAL

OVERTIME 475 525

DETAILS IN 0 75

HOURS LOST

DETAILS OUT 0 225

STAFFING

GEES 120 0

PROLONGED LEAVE 0 300 (EMPLOYEES EVENTUALLY TERMINATED)

NEA/ARP

SAUDI ARABIA/DHAHRAN

AMERICANS:

VISAS SCS PPT GENERAL TOTAL

76. AUTHORIZED 9/30/77 2 2

77. AUTHORIZED 1/31/78 2 2

78. FILLED 1/31/78 2 2

INCREASE/DECREASE:

79. REQUIRED FY-1979 - 0

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80. REQUIRED FY-1980 - 1

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LOCALS:

81. AUTHORIZED 9/30/77 I 4 4
82. AUTHORIZED 1/31/78 4 4
83. FILLED 1/31/78 4 4

INCREASXDECREASE:

84. REQUIRED FY-/979 - 2 (INCLUDING A FIFTH FSL POSITION APPROVED
FOR FY-1978 ACCORDING TO REFTTEL, ADDEZDUM)

85. REQUIRED FY-1980 0

A. HOURS LOST INCLUDE 3 WEEK GAP DURING TRANSFER OF
AMERICAN OFFICERS IN SUMMER OF 1977. THEZSENIOR
LOCAL EMPLOYEE OF THE CONSULAR SECTION IS THE ONLY
SAUDI NATIONAL AT THE CONGEN. AS THIS EMPLOYEE'S
CONTACTS ARE MANY AND VARIED HE ACTS AS THE CHIEF
LIAISON FOR ENTIRE POST WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS. AS
SUCH THE EMPLOYEES IS FREQUENTLY CALLED UPON BY
THE ADMINISTRATIVE, COMMERCIAL, AND EXEBUTIVE
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SECTIONS OF THE POST FOR SPECIAL PROBLEMS OR
CONSULTATIONS. IN THE LAST FISCAL YEAR, THIS
EMPLOYEE WAS ALSO HEAVILY RELIED UPON FOR CODEL
AND VIP VISITS. THIS PROBLEM IS COMPOUNDED BY
THE FACT THAT THERE ARE NO LANGUAGE DESIGNATED
POSITIONS IN THE CONSULAR SECTION, NOR IS THERE
A COMPETENT ARABIC SPEAKING OFFICER AT PRESENT.

B. THE FAIRLY LARGE FIGURES FOR OVERTIME REFLECT THE LARGE NUMBER OF AFTER HOURS AND WEEKEND WORK NECESSARY TO KEEP ON TOP OF THE POST'S PRESSING SCS WORKLOAD. IN THE PAST 8 MONTHS THREE OF THE FOUR INCUMBENTS OF LOCAL POSITIONS IN THE SECTION HAVE RESIGNED OR BEEN TERMINATED, ILLUSTRATING THE CONTINUING HIGH TURNOVER OF EMPLOYEES NOTED IN LAST YEAR'S CONSULAR PACKAGE.

C. POST FEELS THAT THE CONTINUED INCREASE IN PASSPORT, VISA, AND SCS WORKLOADS FULLY JUSTIFIES THE PRESENCE OF A THIRD AMERICAN OFFICER IN FY-1980. THE POSITION, OF COURSE, IS PREDICATED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT PROJECTED WORKLOADS ARE NOT APPRECIABLY ALTERED BY AN UNFORESEEN, DRAMATIC DROP IN THE AMERICAN EXPATRIATE POPULATION IN THE CONSULAR DISTRICT. AT PRESENT, POST HAS EVERY INDICATION THAT THE AMERICAN POPULATION OF THE AREA WILL CONTINUE TO INCREASE DURING NEXT FEW YEARS.

D. BECAUSE OF THE HIGH TURNOVER OF EMPLOYEES AND THE LOST HOURS NOTED IN (A), POST WELCOMES THE ASSIGNMENT OF A FIFTH FSL POSITION TO THE SECTION AS TENTATIVELY INDICATED IN REFTTEL CONTAINING CONSULAR PACKAGE. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT A SIXTH POSITION IS BEING REQUESTED FOR FY-1979 IN VIEW OF BURGEONING WORKLOAD IN ALL UNCLASSIFIED

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CONSULAR AREAS AND THE POST'S CONTINUING PERSONNEL DIFFICULTIES. BECAUSE THE NEW POSITION INDICATES COULD FORESEEABLY BE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR PASSPORT AND SOME NOTARIAL SERVICES, WE BELIEVE THIS ADDITIONAL REQUEST IS FULLY JUSTIFIED BY THE UNIQUE PERSONNEL SITUATION AND SCS WORKLOAD OF THE SECTION. SECTION IS IN GREAT NEED OF BACK-UP FOR THE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS WORK OF THE SENIOR MOST EMPLOYEE WHO INCREASINGLY IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR ASSIGNED DUTIES IN IV ISSUANCE AND FRAUD INVESTIGATION. IF IT IS POSSIBLE TO ADD A SIXTH POSITION TO THE SECTION IN FY-1978, AN ADDED DIMENSION OF FLEXIBILITY AND AN IMPROVED PERFORMANCE IN THE OFFICE WORK SO VITAL TO A SMOOTHLY FUNCTIONING SECTION MAY BE EXPECTED. CONSULAR SECTION IS NOW PLANNING TO SEEK ONE FULL TIME AMERICAN PIT EMPLOYEE FOR THE SUMMER VISA RUSH. BECAUSE OF THE CLIMATIC CONDITIONS AND THE CYCLE OF BUSINESS IN SAUDI ARABIA, LARGE NUMBERS OF SAUDI AND EXPATRIATE RESIDENTS OF THE CONSULAR DISTRICT REQUIRE PASSPORT OR VISA SERVICES WITHIN A 60 TO 90 DAY PERIOD. POST ALSO WISHES TO NOTE AN ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION TO THE CONSTANT HIRING OF TCN'S WHO ARE LURED FROM JOBS IN THE SECTION BY

THE LUCRATIVE AND EXPANDING LOCAL JOB MARKET.
THE POST'S CONSULAR DISTRICT HAS A LARGE NUMBER
OF TALENTED AND EXPERIENCED AMERICAN WOMEN IN
COUNTRY AS DEPENDENTS OF THEIR HUSBANDS. THESE
WOMEN ARE WILLING TO WORK FOR FAR LOWER WAGES
THAN MAY BE OFFERED EVEN THE MOST HUMBLE BI-
LINGUAL CLERK AND THEIR PRODUCTIVITY IS HIGHER
THAN ALL BUT A HANDFUL OF LOCALLY AVAILABLE
EMPLOYEES. POST PLANS A SEPARATE SUBMISSION
ON THIS NEGLECTED PERSONNEL RESOURCE IN THE
NEAR FUTURE.

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6. SCHEDULE VI - FEDERAL BENEFITS, FRAUD, ETC.

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A. FEDERAL BENEFIT ACTIVITY

NUMBER OF SSA REIMBURSED

AMERICAN - 0 LOCAL - 0

HOURS WORKED BY OCCUPANTS OF THESE POSITIONS ON WORK
OTHER THAN FEDERAL BENEFITS.

AMERICAN - 0 LOCAL - 0

HOURS WORKED BY REGULAR (NONREIMBURSED) CONSULAR EMPLOYEES

ON FEDERAL BENEFITS:

AMERICAN - 300 LOCAL - 700

B. BRAUD INVESTIGATIONS
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LINE OFFICER - 100 PERCENT

TYPE OF INVESTIGATION

A. VISA - 85

B. FEDERAL BENEFIT MOA OPD

C. PASSPORT - 5

C. AMCITS IN JAIL -/31/78 - 9

D. SERVICES FOR INS

1. RE-ENTRY PERMIT EXTENSIONS - 7"(),

2. I-151 CARDS SURRENDERED - 2

3. I-151 CARD INTERVIEWS - 15

R. AMERICAN MAN-HOURS - 175 LOCAL - 350

E. LOSS OF NATIONALITY
Y - 0

F. AMERICAN CITIZEN DEATHS

1. BUIRED LOCALLY - 1

2. REMAIP SHIPPED TO U.S. - 30

G. WELFARE & WHEREABOUTS

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JXM SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSONS - 57

2. EMERGENCY MESSAGES - 40

E. CHILD CUSTODY - 3

4. ILLNESS OR HOSPITAL CASES NOT INVOLVING MEDEVAC - 3

5. MEDEVAC - Y

6. MEDEVAC - 10

7. REPATLICATION APPLICATIONS - 5

8. REPATRIATION WITH NO U.S. FUNDS - 25

9. EMERGENCY MONEY TRANSFER - 20

10. MISCELLANEOUS - 20

H. CONSULAR AGENTS - 0 PERCENT

I. COMENTARY:

A. AS NOTED IN LAST YEAR'S CONSULAR PACKAGE, HAD PROBLEM
OF EXIT VISAS AND SAUDI VISA ISSUANCE POLICIES IN GENERAL
CONTINUED TO PROVIDE TIME CONSUMING PROBLEMS TO THE CONSULAR
SECTION. RECENT CHANGES IN SAUDI VISITOR AND RESIDENCE
VISA POLICIES HAVE NECESSITATED LENGTHY EXPLANATIONS OF
PROCEDURES WHICH HAVE NOT YET BEEN FULLY IMPLEMENTED OR
UNDERSTOOD BY LOCAL OFFICIALS THEMSELVES. LACK OF

UNIFORM PROCEDURES OF CRIMINAL CASES REQUIRE MANY

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AMERICAN MAN-HOURS, AT TIMES MERELY TO ASCERTAIN
THE CHANGES BEING MADE AGAINST AN INDIVIDUAL

AMERICAN. ALTHOUGH MANY OF THESE PROBLEMS MIGHT BE ALLEVIATED BY THE PROPOSED CONSULAR CONVENTION BETWEEN SAUDI ARABIA AND THE U.S., THE LACK OF A COMPETENT BUREAUCRATIC INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE COUNTRY WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE TIME CONSUMING COMPLICATIONS TO WHAT MIGHT OTHERWISE BE CONSIDERED ROUTING SCS CASES. AS THE SECTION NOW HAS ONLY ONE EMPLOYEE CAPABLE OF EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT RELATIONS WORK WITH THE LOCAL SAUDI OFFICIALS, WE BELIEVE OUR NEED FOR TRAINING AND UNDERSTUDY TO THE CHIEF FSL OF THE SECTION IS FULLY JUSTIFIED. BECAUSE OF THE LOCAL JOB MARKET, SECTION HAS BEEN UNABLE TO ATTRACT ANY SAUDI NATIONALS AS EMPLOYEES IN SEVERAL YEARS.

B. THE PHYSICAL PREMISES OF THE ENTIRE CONSULATE GENERAL ARE BEING STRAINED BY THE GROWING NUMBERS OF VISITORS TO THE CONSULAR SECTION. OFFICE SPACE FOR THE SECTION IS NOW SUCH THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE EVEN DESK SPACE FOR THE SECTION'S CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED POSITIONS. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE POST'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER CHIEF OF SECTION HAS EXPLORED MEANS OF REMOVING SECTION'S OFFICES FROM LOBBY OF OB. A MORE DETAILED PLAN TO IMPROVED SECURITY, AND TRAFFIC FLOW BESIDES ALLEVIATING PERIODIC OVERCROWDING WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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BE SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL AT A LATER DATE. CURRENTLY IT IS BELIEVED THAT EXPANSION OF THE SECTION INTO EXISTING OFFICE SPACE WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT ELIMINATING POST'S TRANSIENT QUARTERS.

C. TRAINING OF INEXPERIENCED PERSONNEL, NOW JOINTLY CARRIED OUT BY THE CHIEF OF SECTION AND THE SENIOR FSL, CONTINUES TO CONSUME MANY VALUABLE OFFICE HOURS. AS TWO OF THE INCUMBENTS OF FSL POSITIONS NOW PLAN TO DEPART COUNTRY WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, TRAINING PROBLEMS WILL BE COMPOUNDED BY THE ONSET OF THE SECTION'S BUSIEST VISA AND PASSPORT ISSUANCE SEASON. LACK OF CONTINUITY IN FLS POSITIONS HAS CREATED CONFUSION IN BOTH THE RECORDS OF THE SECTION AND IN MAINTAINING CONSISTENT AND EFFICIENT PROCEDURES FOR DEALING WITH THE LARGE NUMBERS OF VISITORS TO THE SECTION. WHILE THERE IS NO EASY SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF EMPLOYEE TURNOVER, POST SUPPORTS A COMPLETE REVISION OF LOCAL WAGE SCALE NOW A YEAR OVERDUE FOR THE CONSULATE GENERAL.

D. WITH THE COMPLETION OF A DETAILED HANDOUT OUTLINING PROCEDURES FOR EXPATRIATES INVOLVED IN LABOR DISPUTES, SOME PRESSURE FOR OFFICER TIME IN THESE VERY COMPLEX CASES HAS BEEN REMOVED. BUT WITH THE GROWING NUMBER OF SMALLER U.S. FIRMS NOW OPERATING IN THE CONSULAR DISTRICT, THE NUMBER OF INQUIRIES REGARDING LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS IN COUNTRY HAS CONTINUED TO RISE. THESE RATHER COMPLEX INQUIRIES ALSO FURTHER POINT UP

THE SECTION'S NEED TO LOCATE, HIRE, AND RETAIN TALENTED FSL'S
CAPABLE OF HANDLING ALL BUT THE MOST SERIOUS AND INVOLVED
PROBLEMS.
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